

# DARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB INC.

## CODES OF CONDUCT – 2016

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## **Player Code of Conduct**

- I will play soccer because I want to, not because others want me to.
- At all times I will show respect for coaches, referees, teammates, and opposing players.
- I will play by the rules of soccer, and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper. I will not fight or use foul or abusive language.
- I will be a team player.
- I know that winning isn't everything – that having fun, playing fair, improving my skills, making friends and doing my best are all important.
- I will acknowledge all good play – that of my teammates and of my opponents.

## **Games and Practices**

- Practices and games are equally important.
- I will arrive at the field before practices and games according to the standards set by my coach.
- If I cannot make a game or practice, I will notify the coach, as per coach instructions.

## **Equipment**

- I will wear shin guards and appropriate footwear at all games and practices.
- I will wear the uniform provided, and will keep them clean and in good repair.

## **Discipline**

- The team coach will handle infractions that occur at times other than during a game.
- Infractions that occur during the game are governed by the Laws of the Game and will be decided by the Referee. The result may be a Caution

(yellow card) or Dismissal (red card), in which case there may also be further action by the DSCI Discipline Committee.

- I will abide by the OSA's Social Media Policy.

I will review, understand and abide by all Policies, Guidelines and Rules.

## **PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Through submitting the membership application for my child, I also am a member of the Club, and am therefore subject to the Club's Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures.
- My child plays soccer for his or her benefit, not mine.
- I will not give instructions to players – that is the Coach's role.
- I will never question the referee's judgment, integrity or honesty.
- I will support all efforts to eliminate verbal and physical abuse from the game of soccer.
- At all times I will show respect for the players, the coaching team, referees, and opposing players and coaches.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
- I will make my child feel like a winner by offering praise for competing fairly and doing their best.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Children learn by example. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will make sure that my child arrives for practices and games at the time designated by the coach.
- I realize that the team can be penalized for my behaviour.
- I will obey a request by a referee or from the team's coach to leave the vicinity of the field.

- I will abide by the OSA's Social Media Policy.
- I will review, understand and abide by all DSCI Policies, Guidelines and Rules.

## **COACH CODE OF CONDUCT**

- I am committed to improving the performance of the players and the team, physically and mentally.
- I will provide a positive atmosphere.
- I will be acquainted with Darlington Soccer Club's Rules and Regulations and Policies and Procedures and will keep attuned to the sound principles of coaching.
- I will respect all individuals as unique human beings.
- I will coach Players to win within the Laws of the Game.
- I will be enthusiastic and positive. I will ensure I am generous with my praise when deserved.
- I will maintain high standards of personal conduct and fair play. I will never make insulting, offensive, abusive or sexual remarks.
- I will treat players with respect and help them, as athletes, to develop a positive self-image. Physical or verbal abuse demeaning to players is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- I will not ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or for performing poorly.
- I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect.
- I will display respect for the referee and his/her decisions at all times. Abuse of the referee is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- I will be a good role model – no smoking, alcohol, drugs, and abusive language at practices, games, tournaments or any soccer related event/meeting while in the presence team players.

- I will dress appropriately and respectably when attending games/practices and tournaments.
- I will be selective in the amount of instructions I give players during the game.
- I will be reasonable when scheduling practices, remembering that the players and their families have other obligations.
- I will inform parents/guardians of any injuries their son/daughter may have suffered.
- I will ensure that the players wear shin pads, and appropriate foot wear at all times. Injuries will be avoided by not overworking players. I will show concern for the physical safety of players at all times.
- I will respect and support the Darlington Soccer Club Inc, and all its members, and in doing so, will work in cooperation for the good of the Club.
- I will abide by the OSA's Social Media Policy.
- I will review, understand and abide by all Policies, Guidelines and Rules of the DSCI.